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2. Strength returns:
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Command 40 men
Staff section 100 "
One year course 450 "
Two year course 800 "
1,390

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3. All instructors, to the number of about 80, belong to the staff section. There are also some 20 civilian technical instructors.
4. In the one-year course there is a staff of 30; a fighter squadron with 140 pupils, a fighter-bomber squadron with 140, and an instrument and weapon squadron, also with 140. Each squadron is divided into 10 instructional groups, so that individual instruction is assured.
5. In the two-year course there is a staff of 30. Strength of the squadrons:
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|-----------------------------|-----|
| 1 Squadron (fighter) | 125 |
| 2 " (fighter) | 130 |
| 3 " (fighter-bomber) | 125 |
| 4 " " | 130 |
| 5 " (instrument and weapon) | 125 |
| 6 " " | 130 |
6. The commandant of the school is György Fogarasi, a lieutenant-colonel about 35 years old, a strong Communist, but kindly and helpful and well liked. The political officer is Captain Sandor Bodi, 30 years old, a very good speaker.

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The commandant of the one-year course is Captain Franz Szutter, 40 years old, formerly a noncommissioned officer, knows his business well, a strong Communist and not well liked. The commander of the 3 Squadron in this course is First Lieutenant Antal Nagy, 28 years old.

7. The pupils belong to the class of 1930 and later, about one-third of whom chose the air force.
8. The courses consist of theoretical training in: motors, instruments and their use, mathematics and spherical geometry, astronomy, meteorology, navigation, aerodynamics, terrain, service regulations, training regulations, weapons and fire training. There are practical courses in flying, air fighting, and infantry fighting.
9. The auto park consists of 7 personnel cars, 3 half-trucks, 10 trucks, 5 buses and 10 motorcycles.
10. The planes at the school are 30 Stormovik fighter-bombers, 20 YAK-9 fighters, 5 LI-2s, 5 PO-2s, 2 Aero 45s, and 10 various old types, Storch, Bucker and Arado.

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